

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended): An observation device ~~comprising~~ comprising:
~~a housing, a housing comprising:~~
an outer dome having at least one transparent portion; and
an inner dome disposed within the outer dome; and
an optical lens ~~with having~~ having a field of view, ~~which is view,~~
wherein the optical lens is accommodated within the housing,
~~wherein the outer dome is transparent said housing comprising an outer dome which is~~
~~transparent, at least in the field of view of the lens, for protecting lens,~~
wherein the outer dome is configured to protect the lens, and an inner dome disposed within
~~the outer dome,~~
wherein the observation device having the above construction being is resistant to impact by
an object with a maximum impact energy of a first magnitude,
wherein a like and the observation device but lacking not fitted with an inner dome is being
resistant to impact by said object with a maximum impact energy of a second
magnitude, ~~characterized in that and~~
wherein the proportion ratio between the first magnitude and the second magnitude is at least
1.1.

2. (currently amended): An observation device according to claim 1,
~~characterized in that wherein the proportion ratio~~ between said first magnitude and said
second magnitude is at least 1.2, ~~more preferably at least 1.4.~~

3. (currently amended): An observation device according to ~~claim 1 or 2,~~
~~characterized in that the~~ claim 1, wherein a thickness of the material of the outer dome is
maximally about 5.0 mm.

4. (currently amended): An observation device according to ~~claim 1, 2 or 3,~~
~~characterized in that the claim 1, wherein a spacing between the~~ between an outer side of the
inner dome ~~and the~~ and an inner side of the outer dome is maximally about 5.0 mm.

5. (currently amended): An observation device according to ~~claim 1, 2, 3 or 4,~~ characterized in that the wall of claim 1, wherein the inner dome is provided with thickened portions has a variable thickness.

6. (currently amended): An observation device according to ~~any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the observation device comprises claim 1, further comprising:~~

means for manipulating the lens.

7. (currently amended): An observation device according to ~~claim 6,~~ characterized in that said manipulation means claim 6, wherein the means for manipulating the lens are arranged for joint manipulation of the lens and the inner dome.

8. (currently amended) An observation device according to ~~claim 6 or 7,~~ characterized in that the observation device are provided with driving means for the manipulation means. claim 6, further comprising:

a driver configured to drive the means for manipulating the lens.

9. (currently amended): An observation device according to ~~claim 6, 7 or 8,~~ characterized in that claim 6, wherein the lens is elastically connected to the manipulation means for manipulating the lens.

10. (currently amended): An observation device according to ~~any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that claim 1, wherein~~ the inner dome has a closed surface.

11. (currently amended): An observation device according to ~~any one of the claims 1-9, characterized in that claim 1, wherein~~ the inner dome is provided with a free passage at the field of view.

12. (currently amended): An observation device according to ~~any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that claim 1, wherein~~ the inner dome is at least partially made of a material selected from the group consisting of polycarbonate, ABS, and metal.

13. (currently amended): An observation device according to ~~any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the inner dome consists of one layer.

14. (currently amended): An observation device according to ~~any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the outer dome consists of one layer.

15. (currently amended): An observation device according to ~~any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the inner dome is ~~arranged for being configured to be~~ manipulated with respect to the outer dome.

16. (currently amended): An observation device according to ~~any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the housing comprises a base element, ~~and wherein to which~~ the outer dome ~~can be~~ is attached to the base element by means of a threaded connection along a circumferential portion of the outer dome.

17. (new): An observation device according to claim 1, wherein the ratio between said first magnitude and said second magnitude is at least 1.4.

18. (new): An observation device according to claim 13, wherein the outer dome consists of one layer.